

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term!

I hope you managed to enjoy your summer break and have a well-deserved rest ready for the start of a new term. I am pleased to see that Year 5 and Year 6 children have settled well into class, and are looking forward to our busy and exciting term ahead.

This term in Class 4 the children will be travelling 'to infinite and beyond' within our whole school theme to explore and learn all about Space. Below is a curriculum outline explaining some of the exciting areas the children will be learning about this term.

<p><b>Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children will be focusing on the 7 and 9 times tables and relevant division facts.</li> <li>Place Value and number.</li> <li>Four number operations.</li> <li>Fractions</li> <li>Statistics.</li> </ul>	<p><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information texts about Space and Planets.</li> <li>Play scripts – linked to Doctor who.</li> <li>Reading various fictional stories linked to Space.</li> <li>Writing space poetry.</li> <li>Writing newspaper reports about the moon landings.</li> <li>Researching and writing biographies about astronauts.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Topic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring how the solar system works.</li> <li>Researching and learning about the history of space travel.</li> <li>Learning more about the International Space Station.</li> <li>Design and creating their own spacesuits.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Computing/ICT</b></p> <p>The children will be learning about E-safety and staying safe online.</p> <p>They will begin to learn about coding, writing programs and algorithms.</p>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <p>The children will be having 10 weeks of flute lessons on a Thursday afternoon.</p>	<p><b>Physical Education.</b></p> <p>The children have already started their swimming lessons and will continue them every Friday for 10 weeks.</p> <p>The children will also be participating in indoor P.E. once a week, beginning with gymnastics.</p>
<p><b>Art and Design</b></p> <p>The children will be creating different artwork related to space. This will include creating pictures in the style of Van Goff and making space rockets out of recyclable materials.</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>The children will be learning all about Earth and Space.</p>	<p><b>R.E./Worship</b></p> <p>This terms value is compassion.</p> <p>In R.E. lessons the children will be talking all about the Creation and fall.</p>

#### **Expectations in Class 4**

During Live, Learn and Flourish week (the first days back after the summer holidays) the children had an opportunity to learn about the routines and expectations of Class 4 students. The children are actively encouraged in class to earn team points by having a positive behavior and attitude towards work in class. This year we are continuing with the 'Good to be Green'. Each member of the class is encouraged to stay on green for the whole week to earn tokens, which will go towards a whole class reward.

#### **Reading reward scheme**

Class 4 will have many opportunities to enjoy and develop their reading this term. Each week, the children will participate in a guided reading session, and will have opportunities to read with adults in the classroom. We are encouraging children to continue to read at home and

will be celebrating this in class with our Class 4 reading chart. Each time a child completes their reading book at home they will receive a sticker. Once they have completed the chart they will receive a reward! We also encourage every child to enjoy reading a range of non-fiction and fiction texts including the "First News". A copy of First News will also be available in the class, and we encourage any topical discussions at home.

**Things to remember:**

- PE kits need to be in school Monday –Friday. Indoor PE will be on Wednesday afternoon, swimming lessons will be on Friday afternoon. *Please can we remind the children to bring in the correct PE kit, children with long hair to bring a band to tie their hair up and for earrings to be taken out or covered over with tape.*
  - Flute lessons will be on Thursday afternoons.
  - Athletics is available to use at home/ certificates and points awarded on Athletics will be celebrated in school.
  - Keep reading and practicing your times tables at home.

If you require any extra resources to support your child at home with their learning, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to the children sharing their work with you this term.

Kind regards,

Miss Walker